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Highlights

Natural Gas Production

In January 2009 preliminary and adjusted Texas natural gas production was 693.78 billion cubic feet (bcf), up from 609.68 bcf produced during the same month in 2008. *Note: Recent oil and gas production data are considered preliminary, incomplete, and subject to revision. See pages 3 and 6 for the most recent production adjustment factors or see the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us>*

Crude Oil Production

In January 2009 preliminary and adjusted Texas crude oil production averaged 0.942 million barrels per day (mmb/d), down from 0.945 mmb/d reported during the same month in 2008. (See Note above.)

Rotary Rigs Operating in Texas

In March 2009 the average Texas rotary rig count was 445, down from 881 rigs running during the same month last year. The March rig count was down from the February rig count of 574.

Source: Baker Hughes Co.

Permits to Drill

In March 2009 the Railroad Commission issued 1,033 original permits to drill, down from 1,754 permits issued during the same month last year and up from 943 permits issued in February.

Oil and Gas Well Completions

In March 2009 operators reported 683 oil completions, up from 456 oil completions during the same month last year. There were 1,176 gas completions in March, up from 800 gas completions reported during the same month last year. There were 1,860 wells drilled in Texas in March, up from 1,259 wells drilled during the same month last year.

Trends

EIA Short-Term Outlook for Crude Oil and Natural Gas:

The average price of imported crude for U.S. refiners (an indicator of world oil prices) is expected to fall from the average 2008 level of \$92.59 per barrel to \$49.67 per barrel during the 2nd quarter of 2009 and average \$49.68 for the year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's (EIA) "Short-Term Energy Outlook" for April, 2009. The price is expected to average \$52.98 per barrel for the 3rd quarter of 2009.

The West Texas Intermediate spot average is expected to fall from the average 2008 level of \$99.57 per barrel to \$52.67 per barrel during the 2nd quarter of 2009 and average \$52.64 for the year. The price is expected to average \$56.00 per barrel for the 3rd quarter of 2009.

U.S. petroleum demand is expected to decrease 2.21 percent from 2008 to 2009 at 18.99 million barrels per day, and increase by 1.42 percent from 2009 to 2010 to 19.26 million barrels per day.

U.S. natural gas demand is expected to decrease by 1.81 percent from 2008 to 2009 to 22.77 trillion cubic feet, and increase by 0.22 percent from 2009 to 2010 to 22.82 trillion cubic feet.

EIA projects that natural gas wellhead prices will average \$3.50 per mcf for the 2nd quarter of 2009 and average \$3.82 per mcf for the year. This is a 52.72 percent decrease from EIA's 2008 average wellhead price of \$8.08 per mcf.

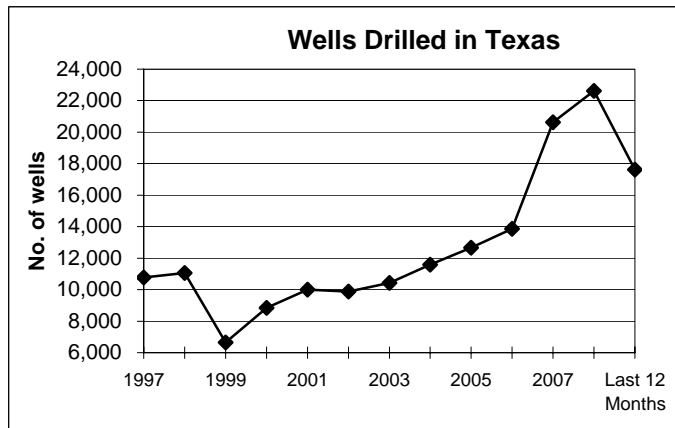
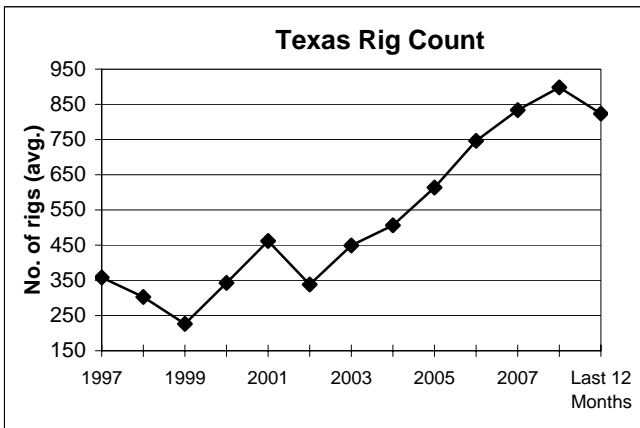
EIA projects an average annual wellhead price of \$5.02 per mcf for 2010, a 31.41 percent increase from the \$3.82 projected average price for 2009.

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Table 1. Texas Drilling and Completion Summary

Period	Rotary Rigs Active *		Permits #	Wells Completed		Wells Drilled **	
	Texas	U. S.		Oil	Gas		
1990	348	1,009	14,033	5,593	2,894	11,231	
1991	315	860	12,494	6,025	2,755	11,295	
1992	251	721	12,089	5,031	2,537	9,498	
1993	264	754	11,612	4,646	3,295	9,969	
1994	274	775	11,030	3,962	3,553	9,299	
1995	251	723	11,244	4,334	3,778	9,785	
1996	283	779	12,669	4,061	4,060	9,747	
1997	358	945	13,933	4,482	4,594	10,778	
1998	303	827	9,385	4,509	4,907	11,057	
1999	226	622	8,430	2,049	3,566	6,658	
2000	343	918	12,021	3,111	4,580	8,854	
2001	462	1,156	12,227	3,082	5,787	10,005	
2002	338	830	9,716	3,268	5,474	9,877	
2003	449	1,032	12,664	3,111	6,336	10,420	
2004	506	1,192	14,700	3,446	7,118	11,587	
2005	614	1,383	16,914	3,454	7,197	12,664	
2006	746	1,649	18,952	4,761	8,534	13,854	
2007	834	1,769	19,994	5,084	8,643	20,619	
2008	898	1,880	24,073	6,208	10,361	22,615	
Last 12 Months	824	1,767	21,873	6,832	10,757	17,630	
2008	Mar	881	1,797	1,754	456	800	1,259
	Apr	887	1,829	2,207	403	827	1,235
	May	906	1,863	1,899	334	857	1,195
	Jun	923	1,902	2,444	432	813	1,248
	Jul	920	1,932	2,183	453	1,065	1,522
	Aug	934	1,987	2,129	357	696	1,057
	Sep	946	2,014	2,335	384	704	1,090
	Oct	925	1,976	2,693	988	1,277	2,269
	Nov	899	1,935	1,517	824	842	1,670
	Dec	826	1,782	1,226	641	819	1,462
	Jan	701	1,553	1,264	556	881	1,443
	Feb	574	1,320	943	777	800	1,579
2009	Mar	445	1,105	1,033	683	1,176	1,860



* Source: Baker Hughes Inc.

Totals shown are number of drilling permits issued.

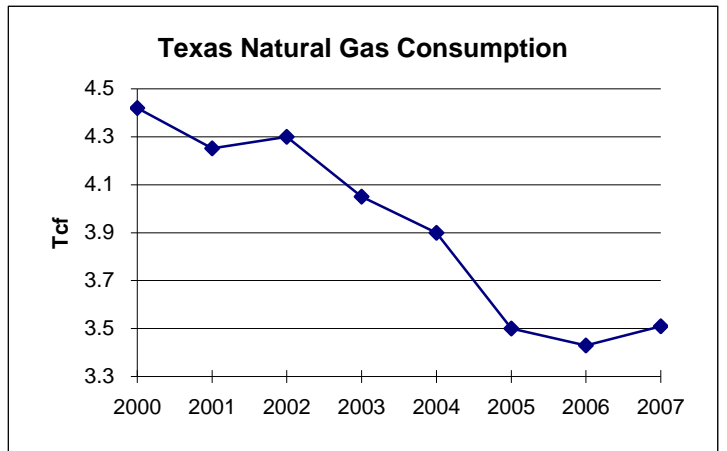
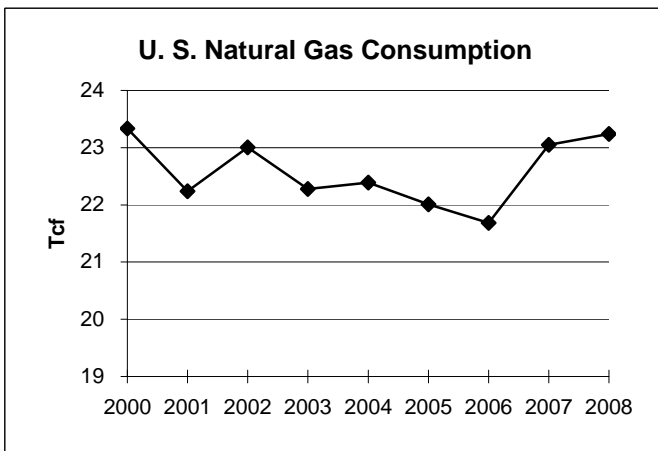
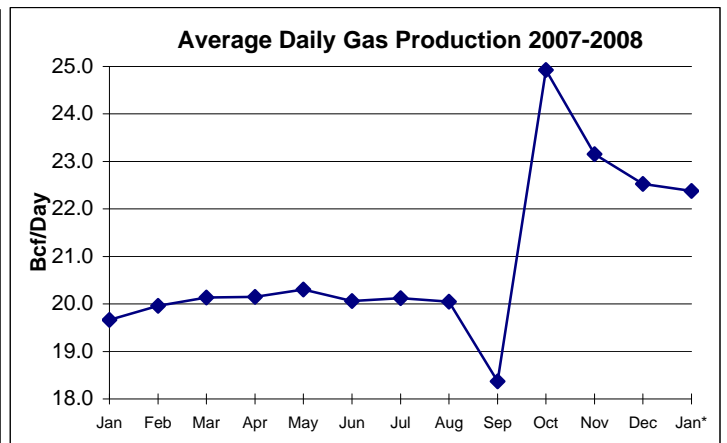
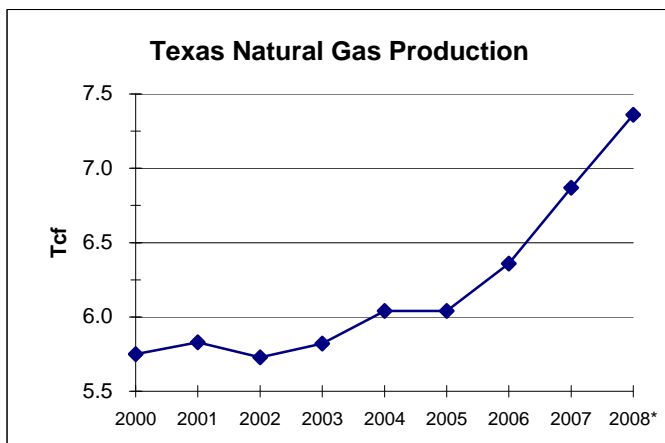
** Wells drilled are oil and gas well completions and dry holes drilled/plugged.

Table 2. Texas Natural Gas (Trillion CF)

Period	Total Production	Proved Reserves #	Consumption #	Producing Wells	Wellhead Price **
1990	5.54	41.4	3.60	49,989	\$1.43
1991	5.52	39.3	3.56	49,825	\$1.39
1992	5.45	38.1	3.48	49,839	\$1.45
1993	5.61	37.8	3.74	50,794	\$1.80
1994	5.69	39.0	3.67	52,614	\$1.68
1995	5.69	39.7	3.80	53,612	\$1.36
1996	5.85	41.6	3.99	55,052	\$1.76
1997	5.85	41.1	3.95	56,736	\$2.14
1998	5.82	40.8	4.20	58,436	\$1.96
1999	5.60	43.4	4.01	59,088	\$1.86
2000	5.75	45.4	4.42	60,486	\$3.51
2001	5.83	46.5	4.25	63,598	\$4.00
2002	5.73	47.5	4.30	65,686	\$2.95
2003	5.82	48.7	4.05	68,488	\$4.88
2004	6.04	53.3	3.90	72,237	\$5.46
2005	6.04	60.2	3.50	76,510	\$7.33
2006	6.36	65.8	3.43	83,218	\$6.39
2007	6.87	76.4	3.51	88,311	\$6.37
2008*	7.36	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$8.07

	Total Gas Production (Bcf)			
	Monthly	Daily	Gas Well	Casinghead
Jan	609.68	19.67	550.29	59.39
Feb	578.83	19.96	521.42	57.41
Mar	624.13	20.13	561.97	62.16
Apr	604.56	20.15	543.70	60.86
May	629.48	20.31	565.51	63.97
Jun	601.93	20.06	540.91	61.02
Jul	623.87	20.12	557.15	66.72
Aug	621.44	20.05	555.29	66.15
Sep	551.11	18.37	495.70	55.41
Oct	747.69	24.92	685.63	62.06
Nov	717.87	23.16	656.58	61.29
Dec	698.28	22.53	636.14	62.14
Jan*	693.78	22.38	636.36	57.42

*Note: The most recent 12 months of production data is preliminary and subject to revision. The most recent month of data is incomplete and may underestimate the final and complete total; a production adjustment factor of 1.2442 has been applied to reported January gas well production to obtain an estimate of final gas well production.



**Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Wellhead price is average net taxable price (\$/Mcf) and excludes federal offshore production. Source for 2001 and after is U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) and wellhead price is national average.
 # Source: EIA's reserve estimates for 1986 and after, exclude federal offshore and are wet after lease separation.

Table 3. Texas Gas Storage Operations

Productive or Depleted Reservoirs			Reported Max Withdrawal Rate (MMCF/DAY)	Working Gas* Inventory 03/31/09 (MMCF)	Working Gas* Inventory 03/31/08 (MMCF)	Change From One Year Ago (MMCF)	Preliminary Working Gas* Inventory 04/15/09 (MMCF)
Operator	Field	County Location					
Oneok TX Gas Storage LP	Felmec (Yates)	Gaines	45	2,577	1,545	1,032	2,620
Oneok TX Gas Storage LP	Loop (Yates)	Gaines	75	800	800	-	800
Enbridge Pipeline LLC	Pickton (Bacon Lime)	Hopkins	15	-	-	-	-
Houston Pipe Line Co. Cago, Inc.	Bammell Ambassador	Harris Clay	1,300 40	31,589 80	12,537 80	19,052 -	33,908 80
Hill Lake Gas Storage LP	Hill-Lake Sand	Eastland	450	7,248	5,302	1,946	7,317
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	Lake Dallas	Denton	120	3,095	3,442	(347)	3,131
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	La-Pan-Miss	Clay	120	2,002	1,326	676	2,002
Cummings Company, Inc.	Leeray Strawn	Stephens	20	-	-	-	-
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	New York City	Clay	120	3,666	2,982	684	3,940
Fort Concho Gas Storage, Inc.	Pecan Station	Tom Green	28	393	395	(2)	393
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	Tri-Cities Bacon	Henderson	275	17,672	18,140	(468)	17,936
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	Tri-Cities Rodessa	Henderson	50	43	288	(245)	41
Lower Colorado River Authority	Hilbig	Bastrop	100	2,696	2,056	640	2,736
Natural Gas Pipeline Co.	North Lansing	Harrison	1,100	83,924	55,489	28,435	81,910
Devon Gas Services LP	Lone Camp	Palo Pinto	28	355	234	121	260
Pelican Transmission LLC	Clear Lake	Harris	900	50,123	40,058	10,065	52,906
Energy Transfer Fuel LP	Bryson	Jack	100	5,210	4,765	445	5,277
Worsham-Steed Gas Storage, Inc.	Worsham Steed	Jack	25	20,356	9,063	11,293	21,182
Katy Storage and Transportation LP	Pottsville	Hamilton	200	-	-	-	-
Enstor Katy Storage and Transportation LP	Katy Hub & Storage	Fort Bend	700	21,965	15,024	6,941	22,785
	Subtotals		5,811	253,794	173,526	80,268	259,224
Salt Caverns							
Oneok TX Gas Storage LP	Salado (Loop Yates)	Gaines	500	1,688	1,691	(3)	1,411
Kinder Morgan Tejas Pipeline LP	Stratton Ridge	Brazoria	250	817	311	506	861
Centana Intrastate Pipeline LLC	Spindletop	Jefferson	400	3,267	2,810	457	3,360
Dow Chemical Co.	Stratton Ridge #34	Brazoria	200	-	-	-	-
Dow Chemical Co.	Stratton Ridge #6	Brazoria	180	674	1,091	(417)	794
Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline LP	North Dayton	Liberty	750	1,574	2,271	(697)	1,384
ATMOS Pipeline - Texas	Bethel	Anderson	600	3,226	4,441	(1,215)	3,351
Moss Bluff Hub Partners LP	Moss Bluff	Liberty	1,000	4,769	8,272	(3,503)	5,839
Chevron Phillips Chemical Co	Clemens	Brazoria	75	1,744	1,010	734	1,810
PB Energy Storage Services, Inc.	Spindletop	Jefferson	480	6,954	6,880	74	6,775
Underground Services Markham, LP	Markham	Matagorda	500	13,961	12,935	1,026	11,259
Energy Transfer Fuel LP	Bethel Salt Dome	Anderson	600	4,699	2,594	2,105	4,781
Enterprise Products Operating LP	Wilson	Wharton	800	4,925	1,975	2,950	5,229
Union Oil Co. of California	Keystone Gas Storage	Winkler	350	3,852	2,903	949	3,857
Underground Storage, LLC	Pierce Junction	Harris	350	1,269	451	818	1,262
Tres Palacios Storage LLC	Markham	Matagorda	2,500	10,198	-	10,198	11,132
	Subtotals		9,535	63,617	49,635	13,982	63,105
Source: RRC Form G-3		TOTALS	15,346	317,411	223,161	94,250	322,329

* Note: Native Gas volumes are included in Working Gas volumes with the exception of Houston Pipe Line's Bammel facility and Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America's North Lansing facility. (The Native Gas in the Bammel and North Lansing facilities is part of the non-working resident gas.)

Table 4. Texas Gas Storage Operations, 2008 - 2009

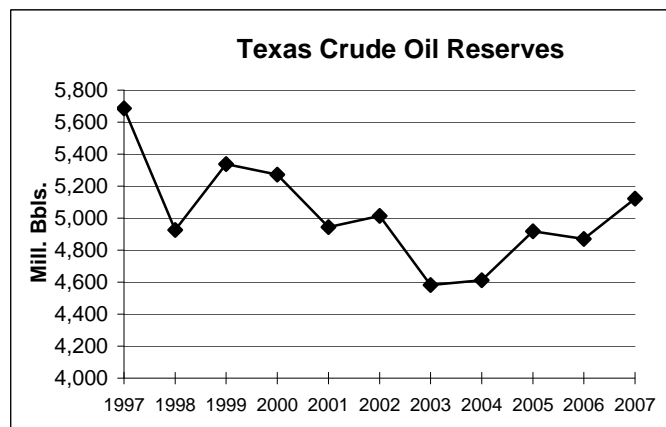
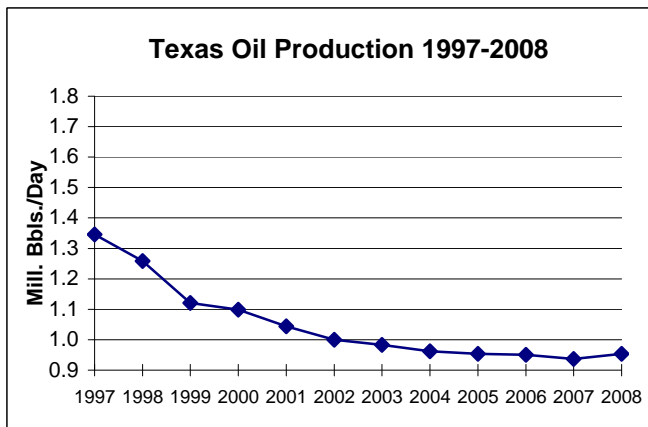
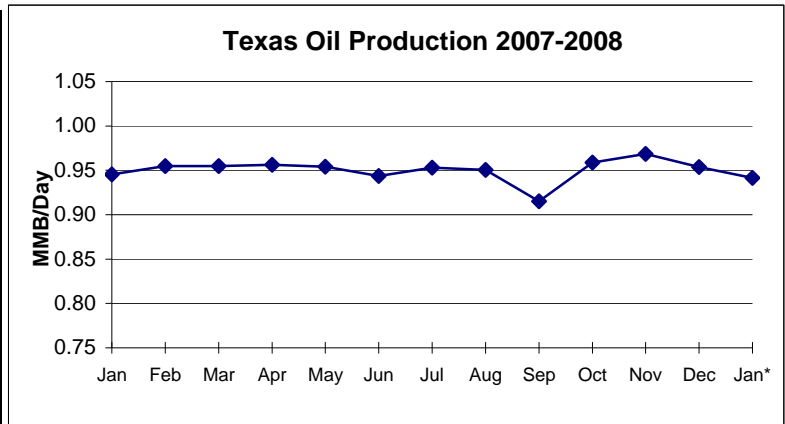
	Depleted Reservoirs			Salt Caverns			Total		
	Beginning Balance (Mmcf)	Injections/ (Withdrawals) (Mmcf)	Ending Balance (Mmcf)	Beginning Balance (Mmcf)	Injections/ (Withdrawals) (Mmcf)	Ending Balance (Mmcf)	Beginning Balance (Mmcf)	Injections/ (Withdrawals) (Mmcf)	Ending Balance (Mmcf)
Mar-08	193,831	(20,301)	173,530	44,379	5,342	49,721	238,210	(14,959)	223,251
Apr-08	173,530	20,005	193,535	49,721	5,340	55,061	223,251	25,345	340,663
May-08	193,535	25,219	218,754	55,061	7,810	62,871	248,596	33,029	281,625
Jun-08	218,754	(6,162)	212,592	62,871	1,148	64,019	281,625	(5,014)	276,611
Jul-08	212,592	(11,664)	200,928	64,019	3,728	67,747	276,611	(7,936)	268,675
Aug-08	200,928	1,418	202,346	67,747	(3,587)	64,160	268,675	(2,169)	266,506
Sep-08	202,346	23,365	225,711	64,160	1,305	65,465	266,506	24,670	291,176
Oct-08	225,711	22,650	248,361	65,465	1,185	66,650	291,176	23,835	315,011
Nov-08	248,361	22,416	270,777	66,650	10,868	77,518	315,011	33,284	348,295
Dec-08	270,777	(16,278)	254,499	77,518	(2,543)	74,975	348,295	(18,821)	329,474
Jan-09	254,499	(16,834)	237,665	74,975	(11,966)	63,009	329,474	(28,800)	300,674
Feb-09	237,665	5,296	242,961	63,009	(2,767)	60,242	300,674	2,529	303,203
Mar-09	242,961	10,833	253,794	60,242	3,375	63,617	303,203	14,208	317,411

Table 5. Texas Crude Oil (million barrels)

Period	Total Production	Daily Average	% of U.S. Production	Proved Reserves #	% of U.S. Reserves	Producing Wells *	WTI Spot Price **
1990	646	1.77	24.2	7,106	27.1	194,962	\$19.74
1991	644	1.77	24.0	6,797	27.5	196,292	\$21.48
1992	614	1.68	23.5	6,441	27.1	193,310	\$18.61
1993	576	1.58	22.9	6,171	26.9	186,342	\$17.30
1994	542	1.49	22.3	5,847	26.0	179,955	\$14.73
1995	513	1.40	21.5	5,743	25.7	177,397	\$16.31
1996	500	1.37	21.0	5,736	26.0	175,277	\$18.77
1997	491	1.35	21.0	5,687	25.2	175,475	\$20.01
1998	460	1.26	20.1	4,927	23.4	170,288	\$14.06
1999	409	1.12	19.1	5,339	24.5	162,620	\$14.31
2000	401	1.10	18.8	5,273	23.9	161,097	\$28.71
2001	381	1.04	18.0	4,944	22.0	159,357	\$24.62
2002	365	1.00	17.4	5,015	22.1	155,865	\$24.33
2003	359	0.98	17.4	4,583	20.9	153,461	\$31.08
2004	351	0.96	17.7	4,613	21.5	151,205	\$41.51
2005	348	0.95	18.4	4,919	19.0	151,286	\$56.64
2006	347	0.95	18.6	4,871	23.4	151,832	\$66.05
2007	342	0.94	18.5	5,122	24.0	153,223	\$72.34
2008	348	0.95	19.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$99.67

Jan	29.31	0.945
Feb	27.69	0.955
Mar	29.60	0.955
Apr	28.69	0.956
May	29.58	0.954
Jun	28.31	0.944
Jul	29.54	0.953
Aug	29.47	0.951
Sep	27.45	0.915
Oct	29.72	0.959
Nov	29.05	0.968
Dec	29.57	0.954
Jan*	29.19	0.942

*Note: The most recent 12 months of production data is preliminary and subject to revision. The most recent month of data is incomplete and may underestimate the final and complete total; a production adjustment factor of 1.0671 has been applied to reported January crude oil production to obtain an estimate of final crude oil production.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). Reserve estimates for 1985 and after exclude federal offshore.

* Source: Railroad Commission of Texas

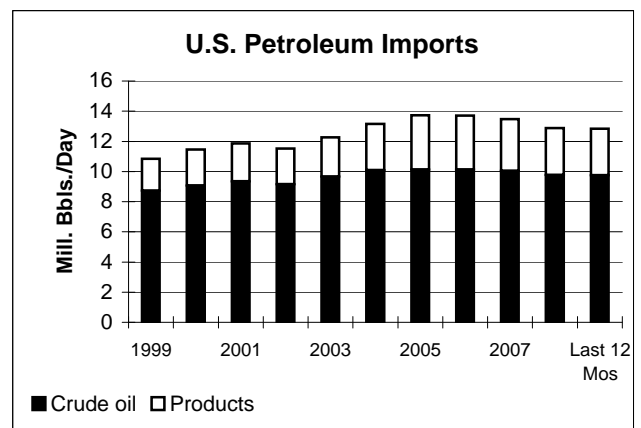
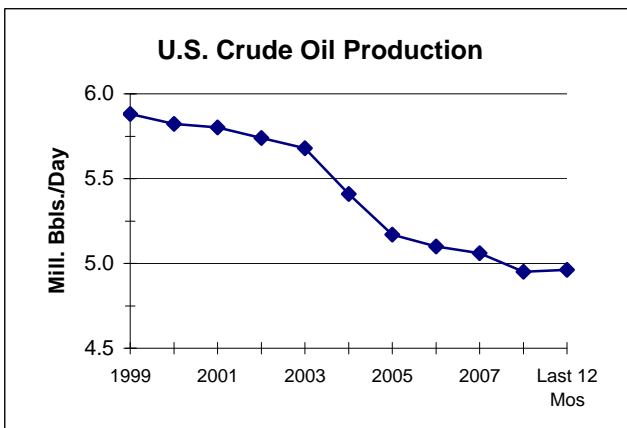
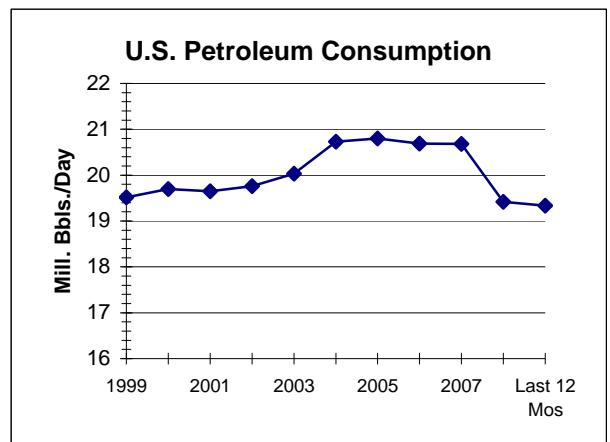
** Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Wellhead price is average net taxable price (\$/bbl.) and excludes federal offshore production.

Source for 2001 and after is (EIA) and wellhead price is West Texas Intermediate spot average.

Table 6. U. S. Petroleum Overview (million barrels per day)

Period	Production *	Imports **			Products Supplied #	Proved Reserves **	Wells Drilled **	Wellhead Price **
		Total	Crude Oil	Products				
1990	7.36	8.02	5.89	2.12	16.99	26,254	32,067	\$20.03
1991	7.42	7.63	5.78	1.84	16.71	24,682	29,528	\$16.54
1992	7.17	7.89	6.08	1.81	17.03	23,745	23,608	\$15.99
1993	6.85	8.62	6.79	1.83	17.24	22,957	25,451	\$14.25
1994	6.66	9.00	7.06	1.93	17.72	22,457	22,255	\$13.19
1995	6.56	8.84	7.23	1.61	17.72	22,351	21,600	\$14.62
1996	6.47	9.48	7.51	1.97	18.31	22,017	23,886	\$18.46
1997	6.45	10.16	8.23	1.94	18.62	22,546	27,586	\$17.23
1998	6.25	10.71	8.71	2.00	18.92	21,034	22,911	\$10.87
1999	5.88	10.85	8.73	2.12	19.52	21,765	18,939	\$15.56
2000	5.82	11.46	9.07	2.39	19.70	22,045	29,038	\$26.72
2001	5.80	11.87	9.33	2.54	19.65	22,446	35,303	\$21.84
2002	5.74	11.53	9.14	2.39	19.76	22,677	27,655	\$22.51
2003	5.68	12.26	9.66	2.60	20.03	21,891	32,511	\$27.56
2004	5.41	13.15	10.09	3.06	20.73	21,371	36,379	\$36.77
2005	5.17	13.72	10.13	3.59	20.80	21,757	42,673	\$50.28
2006	5.10	13.71	10.12	3.59	20.69	20,972	50,081	\$59.69
2007	5.06	13.47	10.03	3.44	20.68	21,317	50,582	\$66.52
2008	4.95	12.88	9.76	3.12	19.42	n/a	55,669	\$94.04
Last 12 Mos	4.96	12.84	9.74	3.10	19.33			

Jan	5.09	13.49	10.00	3.49	20.11
Feb	5.11	12.61	9.61	3.00	19.78
Mar	5.13	12.55	9.62	2.93	19.73
Apr	5.16	13.25	9.92	3.33	19.77
May	5.16	12.86	9.66	3.20	19.73
Jun	5.10	13.36	9.99	3.37	19.55
Jul	5.11	13.06	10.10	2.96	19.41
Aug	4.89	13.06	10.28	2.78	19.27
Sep	3.96	11.51	8.41	3.10	17.80
Oct	4.64	13.21	10.11	3.10	19.64
Nov	4.93	12.85	9.92	2.93	19.00
Dec	5.12	12.60	9.42	3.18	19.20
Jan*	5.24	13.17	9.85	3.32	19.13



* Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). Recent production data is preliminary and subject to revision.

Source: EIA. Petroleum products supplied is a measure of domestic consumption.

** Source: EIA. Wells drilled includes crude oil, natural gas, and dry wells drilled. U.S. average wellhead (first purchase) price is dollars per barrel.

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Created in 1891 by the Texas Legislature, the Railroad Commission today is known principally as a leader in the regulation and conservation of oil and natural gas in Texas. For more than 85 years, the Commission has been charged with preventing waste and pollution while safeguarding property rights.

We believe the people of Texas continue to have a vital stake in the orderly production and conservation of the state's natural resources. Across the state, crude oil and natural gas are produced in 179 of 254 counties. About 230,000 persons are employed in oil and gas exploration, production, refining, and related industries. In all, businesses involved with the Texas oil and gas industry contribute about \$159.3 billion annually to the state's more than one trillion-dollar economy.

As an oil and gas producer, the state of Texas ranks among the nations of the world. Texas leads the United States in the production of crude oil and natural gas, and its marketed production of natural gas represents one-third of total U. S. supply. Texas produces an average of nearly one million barrels of oil a day; natural gas production in the state exceeds 6 trillion cubic feet a year.

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